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Re: *Ex Parte* Notification

CS Docket No. 98-120

CS Docket No. 00-96

CS Docket No. 00-2

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is an *ex parte* notification filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.

On January 13, 2004, David Barrett, President and CEO of Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc., Jim Conschatter, Senior Vice President of Broadcast Stations of Media General Broadcast Group, and the undersigned met, in separate meetings, with Jon Cody, Chairman Powell's Legal Advisor for Media; Commissioner Michael Cops and his Legal Advisor, Jordan Goldstein; Commissioner Kevin Martin and his Legal Advisor, Catherine Bohigian; Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy; Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his Legal Advisor, Johanna Mikes Shelton; and Rick Chessen and Eloise Gore of the Commission's DTV Working Group

The purpose of the meetings was to urge Commission support of "must carry" for digital television broadcast signals. Messrs. Barrett and Conschatter explained their experiences in attempting to negotiate voluntary carriage agreements of their digital television broadcast signals with multichannel video providers and their plans for full utilization of their digital signals, including the broadcast of HDTV and multicast programming.

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An original and five copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary with additional copies delivered to each person who participated in the meetings.

If any questions should arise during the course of your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wade H. Hargrove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Wade H. Hargrove

WHH/bp

cc Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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